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I am a consultant to some major Fortune 100 companies and have seen the anti competitive aspects of Microsoft's operating system firsthand.

In general MS 'Windows' almost seems purposely written not be able to interact with other operating systems by other manufacturers. This makes it very difficult, if not impossible, for a company to use alternate computers with different operating systems (i.e.. Macintosh). Whether this is true must be analyzed in the way the Windows code is written. Unfortunately one would need to be a computer programmer to truly evaluate this.

I think it is crucial that Microsoft's de facto monopoly be stopped as it is, in my professional opinion, dangerous to destroy competition in the area of computing.

It is an unsound practice to have only one operating system controlled by only one company. At best this situation squelches innovation and leads to a stagnant computer market. At worst it is a danger to our national security, as we (as a nation) are then at the mercy of how securely that system is written. Again, in my professional opinion, it is a badly written operating system and is riddled with many serious security holes. We have already seen the cost of computer worms and virus that have cost companies billions of dollars. The damage has been on par, cost wise, with floods, hurricanes, and other natural disasters.

It is not an acceptable situation for this country to find ourselves at the mercy of this obvious monopoly called Microsoft.

It is imperative that free and open competition be allowed back into the operating system marketplace.

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